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MANUFACTURED HOUSING

House Bill 3288, Similar to Senate Bill 43

Introduced by Representatives Cato, Edge and White

Senate Bill 43 introduced by Senators J.V. Smith, Reese and Branton

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 29, TITLE 40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE BUSINESS OF MANUFACTURED HOUSING, SO AS TO CONFORM THE CHAPTER TO THE STATUTORY ORGANIZATIONAL FRAMEWORK OF CHAPTER 1, TITLE 40 FOR BOARDS UNDER THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE DEPARTMENT OF LABOR, LICENSING AND REGULATION AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE LICENSURE AND REGULATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA MANUFACTURED HOUSING BOARD.

The bill provides for the licensure and regulation of the state manufactured housing industry by the South Carolina Manufactured Housing Board. The SCEO implements the energy efficiency labels program for manufactured homes, including the coordination, printing, distribution, tracking, and analysis of the energy efficiency labels. The new law addresses the contents of the notice put in the homes and the procedures for placing the notices and labels.

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| • January 18, 2001 | House | Introduced and read first time |
| | House | Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry |
| • January 31, 2001 | House | Committee report: Favorable with amendment Labor, Commerce and Industry |
| • February 6, 2001 | House | Debate adjourned until Tuesday, February 13, 2001 |
| • February 13, 2001 | House | Debate adjourned until Wednesday, February 14, 2001 |
| • February 14, 2001 | House | Amended |
| | House | Debate interrupted |
| | House | Read second time |
| | House | Roll call Yeas-87 Nays-13 |
| • February 15, 2001 | House | Read third time and sent to Senate |
| • February 20, 2001 | Senate | Introduced and read first time |
| | Senate | Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry |
| • March 29, 2001 | Senate | Committee report: Favorable with amendment Labor, Commerce and Industry |
| • April 3, 2001 | Senate | Amended |
| | Senate | Read second time |
| | Senate | Ordered to third reading with notice of amendments |
| • April 4, 2001 | Senate | Read third time and returned to House with amendments |
| • April 11, 2001 | House | Senate amendment amended |
| | House | Returned to Senate with amendments |
| • April 17, 2001 | Senate | Non-concurrence in House amendment |
| • April 17, 2001 | House | House insists upon amendment and conference |

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| | | Committee appointed Representatives Edge, Barrett and Phillips |
| • April 19, 2001 | Senate | Conference committee appointed Senators Reese, Gregory, Alexander |
| • June 6, 2001 | House | Conference report received and adopted |
| • June 7, 2001 | Senate | Conference report received and adopted |
| • June 7, 2001 | Senate | Ordered enrolled for ratification |
| | | Ratified R 135 |
| • June 22, 2001 | | Signed By Governor, Effective date 06/22/01 |
| • July 3, 2001 | | Copies available, Act No. 61 |

UTILITIES, POWER GENERATION, TRANSMISSION, OR DISTRIBUTION

House Bill 3932, Similar to Senate Bill 602

Introduced by Representatives Law, Hinson, Merrill and Dantzler

Senate Bill 602 introduced by Senator Mescher

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 58-3-240 SO AS TO EXEMPT FROM THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION'S REGULATIONS THOSE UTILITY SERVICES PROVIDED FOR IN CHAPTERS 5 AND 7 OF TITLE 58, EXCEPT FOR THE PROVISION OF GAS SERVICE, PROVIDED TO AN INDUSTRIAL USER WHEN THE USER AND PROVIDER HAVE AGREED TO A WRITTEN CONTRACT FOR THE SERVICES, THE USER IS LOCATED IN A PRIVATELY OWNED INDUSTRIAL PARK, AND WHERE JURISDICTIONAL UTILITIES HAVE AGREED IN WRITING TO WAIVE THEIR RIGHT TO NOTICE AND OPPORTUNITY FOR A HEARING ON THE CONTRACT, AND REQUIRE THE PROVIDER OF UTILITY SERVICES TO FILE THE WRITTEN AGREEMENT WITH THE COMMISSION.-AMENDED TITLE

The bill provides for a simplified process for utility services to customers within a privately owned Industrial Park in a multi-jurisdictional area. If all parties agree to conditions explicitly set forth as noted in the bill, in the Contract, then the process may move forward quickly as noted. Said bill should enhance development and competition.

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| • April 11, 2001 | House | Introduced and read first time |
| | House | Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry |
| • April 25, 2001 | House | Committee report: Favorable with amendment Labor, Commerce and Industry |
| • April 26, 2001 | House | Amended |
| | House | Read second time |
| | House | Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day |
| • April 27, 2001 | House | Read third time and sent to Senate |
| • May 1, 2001 | Senate | Introduced and read first time |
| | Senate | Referred to Committee on Judiciary |
| • May 9, 2001 | Senate | Committee report: Favorable Judiciary |
| • May 14, 2001 | Senate | Read second time |
| | Senate | Ordered to third reading with notice of amendments |

• May 15, 2001	Senate	Read third time and enrolled
• May 23, 2001		Ratified R 92
• May 29, 2001		Signed By Governor, Effective date 05/29/01
June 12, 2001		Copies available, Act No. 47

BUILDING ENERGY CODES

Senate Bill 45, Similar to House Bill 3841

Introduced by Senators Land, Giese, Ford, Mescher, Reese, Rankin and Branton

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-9-60, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL, SO AS TO ADD A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE MODULAR BUILDING INDUSTRY AND A CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER TO THE MEMBERSHIP OF THE COUNCIL, TO MAKE ALL MEMBERS VOTING MEMBERS, AND TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR THE CALL OF MEETINGS.

The previous version of the law stated that someone from the State Energy Office or a designee of the Director of the State Energy Office would serve as a non-voting member of the SC Building Codes Council. Under Senate Bill 45 the SCEO member would become a voting member of the Council.

• January 10, 2001	Senate	Introduced and read first time
	Senate	Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry
• May 8, 2001	Senate	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Labor, Commerce and Industry
• May 9, 2001	Senate	Amended
	Senate	Read second time
	Senate	Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day
• May 10, 2001	Senate	Read third time and sent to House
	House	Introduced and read first time
	House	Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry
• February 6, 2002	House	Committee report: Favorable Labor, Commerce & Industry
• February 7, 2002	House	House Read second time
• February 7, 2002	House	House unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day
• February 8, 2002	House	House read third time and enrolled
• February 27, 2002	House	Ratified R 182
• March 3, 2002		Signed by the Governor
• March 12, 2002		Act No. 173
• March 13, 2002		Copies available
• March 13, 2002		Effective date 03/05/02

Fuel(Alternative Fuel)

S 1216 General Bill, By Waldrep
Similar(H 5103)

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-28-745 SO AS TO EXEMPT RENEWABLE FUEL, WHETHER PURE OR BLENDED WITH TAXABLE FUELS, FROM THE MOTOR FUELS TAX; BY ADDING SECTION 56-3-125 SO AS TO IMPOSE A HIGHWAY USER FEE ON THE ISSUING OF TITLES FOR VEHICLES POWERED BY ALTERNATIVE FUELS EQUAL TO TWO AND ONE-HALF PERCENT OF THE FAIR MARKET VALUE OF THE VEHICLE AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF AND USES OF THE FEE AND FOR EXEMPTIONS FROM IT;

TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-110, RELATING TO DEFINITIONS FOR PURPOSES OF THE MOTOR FUELS TAX, SO AS TO REVISE EXISTING DEFINITIONS AND INCLUDE NEW DEFINITIONS FOR BIODIESEL FUEL AND RENEWABLE FUEL;

TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-310, RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION OF THE MOTOR FUELS TAX, SO AS TO EXTEND THE TAX TO ALL MOTOR FUELS USED TO PROPEL VEHICLES;

TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-710, RELATING TO MOTOR FUELS TAX EXEMPTIONS, SO AS TO EXEMPT RENEWABLE FUEL SOLD FROM JULY 1, 2002, THROUGH JUNE 30, 2007;

TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-970, RELATING TO THE BACKUP MOTOR FUELS TAX, SO AS TO EXEMPT ALTERNATIVE FUEL POWERED VEHICLES FROM THE TAX IF THE VEHICLE IS SUBJECT TO THE HIGHWAY USER FEE FOR ALTERNATIVE FUELS POWERED VEHICLES;

TO AMEND SECTION 12-28-990, RELATING TO THE TAX ON BLENDED FUELS, SO AS TO EXTEND THESE REQUIREMENTS TO RENEWABLE FUELS;

AND TO AMEND SECTION 56-3-620, AS AMENDED, RELATING TO MOTOR VEHICLE REGISTRATION FEES, SO AS TO IMPOSE A ONE DOLLAR SOUTH CAROLINA FUEL FREEDOM FEE WHICH MUST BE ADDED TO ALL REGISTRATION FEES AND CREDITED TO THE STATE HIGHWAY FUND.

04/16/02 Senate Introduced and read first time SJ-5

04/16/02 Senate Referred to Committee on Finance SJ-5

LAND USE PLANNING, ZONING

Senate Bill 297, Similar to House Bill 3462

Introduced by Senators Drummond, McConnell, Reese, Land, Richardson, Waldrep, Leventis, Passailaigue, Giese, McGill, O'Dell, Alexander, Hayes, Ravenel and Martin

Introduced by Representatives Campsen, Allison, Askins, Barrett, Battle, Bingham, Bowers, Carnell, Cato, Chellis, Coates, Coleman, Cotty, Dantzler, Delleney, Easterday, Gilham, Hamilton, Harrell, Harrison, Harvin, Haskins, Hinson, Huggins, Jennings, Knotts, Law, Leach, Limehouse, Littlejohn, Lourie, Lucas, McGee, McLeod, Meacham-Richardson, Miller, Quinn, Rice, Riser, Robinson, Rodgers, Sandifer, Scarborough, Scott, Sharpe, Sheheen, Simrill, Sinclair, D.C. Smith, G.M. Smith, J.E. Smith, J.R. Smith, W.D. Smith, Snow, Stuart, Tripp, Walker, Whatley, Wilder, Wilkins, A. Young, J. Young, Kennedy and Thompson

A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 48, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND CONSERVATION BY ADDING CHAPTER 59 ENACTING THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK ACT SO AS TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK FOR THE PURPOSE OF MAKING GRANTS AND LOANS TO PUBLIC OR PRIVATE ENTITIES TO ACQUIRE INTERESTS IN REAL PROPERTY WORTHY OF CONSERVATION, TO PROVIDE FOR THE GOVERNANCE OF THE BANK, TO PROVIDE THOSE ENTITIES ELIGIBLE TO RECEIVE BANK GRANTS, TO ESTABLISH THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK TRUST FUND TO RECEIVE BANK REVENUES, AND TO PROVIDE THE CRITERIA WHICH THE BANK MUST USE IN JUDGING APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS; TO ESTABLISH THE "CONSERVE SOUTH CAROLINA" MOTOR VEHICLE LICENSE PLATE AND PROVIDE THAT THE REVENUE OF THE EXTRA FEE FOR THIS PLATE MUST BE CREDITED TO THE TRUST FUND ESTABLISHED BY THIS ACT; TO PROVIDE THAT REVENUES OF THE STATE PORTION OF THE DEED RECORDING FEE CREDITED TO THE GENERAL FUND OF THE STATE IS INSTEAD CREDITED TO THE TRUST FUND ESTABLISHED BY THIS ACT AND PHASE IN THESE REVENUES OVER TWO FISCAL YEARS; TO EXEMPT FROM THE REQUIREMENT THAT PUBLIC ENTITIES CONVEYING A CONSERVATION EASEMENT HAVE THAT CONVEYANCE APPROVED BY THE ADVISORY BOARD OF THE HERITAGE TRUST PROGRAM CERTAIN EASEMENTS CONVEYED BY COUNTIES AND MUNICIPALITIES THAT INVOLVE GRANTS OR LOANS BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA CONSERVATION BANK; TO REPEAL CHAPTER 59, TITLE 48, ADDED BY THIS ACT AND THE REMAINING PROVISIONS OF THIS ACT JULY 1, 2012, UNLESS THESE PROVISIONS RE REENACTED OR OTHERWISE EXTENDED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY; AND TO PROVIDE FOR THE WINDING-UP OF THE AFFAIRS OF THE BANK.

A component of energy efficient land use planning is the strategic use of land for concentration of development. The Bank will aid in South Carolina's ability to successfully manage natural resources while promoting energy efficiency.

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| • February 8, 2001 | Senate | Introduced and read first time |
| | Senate | Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources |
| • March 15, 2001 | Senate | Committee report: Favorable with amendment, Agriculture and Natural Resources |

• March 20, 2001	Senate	Amended
	Senate	Read second time
• April 4, 2001	Senate	Ordered to third reading with notice of amendments
	Senate	Amended
• April 5, 2001	Senate	Read third time and sent to House
	House	Introduced and read first time
• April 19, 2001	House	Referred to Committee on Ways and Means
	House	Committee report: Favorable with amendment Ways and Means
• April 24, 2001	House	Requests for debate-Representatives Altman, Perry, Loftis, Sharpe, JR Smith, Davenport, DC Smith, Campsen, Robinson, Frye, McLeod, Bales and Scott
• April 25, 2001	House	Requests for debate removed-Representatives Campsen, R Smith, WD Smith and Robinson
• April 26, 2001	House	Requests for debate removed-Representative Sharpe, Scott
• May 23, 2001	House	Amended
	House	Debate interrupted
• May 24, 2001	House	Debate adjourned until Tuesday, May 29, 2001
• May 29, 2001	House	Amended
	House	Debate interrupted
• May 30, 2001	House	Requests for debate removed-Representatives Loftis, Bales and Perry
	House	Requests for debate-Representatives Campsen, Miller, Sheheen, Battle and Meacham-Richardson
	House	Debate adjourned until January 8, 2002
• January 9, 2002	House	Debate adjourned until Wednesday, January 30, 2002
• January 30, 2002	House	Debate adjourned until Tuesday, February 5, 2002
• February 6, 2002	House	Debate interrupted
• February 13, 2002	House	Amended
• February 13, 2002	House	Debate interrupted by adjournment
• February 14, 2002	House	Amended
• February 14, 2002	House	Debate interrupted
• February 19, 2002	House	Debate interrupted
• February 20, 2002	House	Read second time
• February 20, 2002	House	Roll call, Yeas – 77 Nays – 41
• February 21, 2002	House	House read third time and returned to Senate with Amendments
• February 28, 2002	Senate	House amendment amended
• March 12, 2002	Senate	Returned to House with amendments
• March 20, 2002	House	Concurred in Senate amendment and enrolled
• April 4, 2002		Ratified
• April 10, 2002		Signed by the Governor
• April 23, 2002		Effective date April 10, 2002
• April 23, 2002		Copies available
• April 24, 2002		Act No. 200

House Bill 3163

Introduced by Representatives Wilkins, Campsen, Wilder, Jennings, Coates, Whatley, Cobb-Hunter, Altman and Owens

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-6-3535, SO AS TO ENACT THE "SOUTH CAROLINA HISTORIC REHABILITATION INCENTIVES ACT" WHICH PROVIDES AN INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR EXPENDITURES TO REHABILITATE HISTORIC STRUCTURES, WHICH PROVIDES FOR THE CARRY FORWARD OF UNUSED CREDIT, AND WHICH AUTHORIZES THE DEPARTMENT OF ARCHIVES AND HISTORY AND THE DEPARTMENT OF REVENUE TO PROMULGATE REGULATIONS FOR THE ADMINISTRATION OF THIS SECTION.

The South Carolina Historic Rehabilitation Incentives Act also encourages responsible development, thereby encouraging energy conservation. By utilizing historic structures that are often surrounded by newer development, builders and developers save energy on construction. The public benefits by improving possibly neglected buildings and by reducing the amount of development needed in the jurisdiction. The bill authorizes the Department of Revenue and the Department of Archives and History to implement regulations for a tax credit for renovating historic structures.

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| • December 20, 2000 | House | Pre-filed |
| | | Referred to Committee on Ways and Means |
| • January 9, 2001 | House | Introduced and read first time |
| | House | Referred to Committee on Ways and Means |
| • April 19, 2001 | House | Committee report: Favorable with amendment Ways and Means |
| • April 25, 2001 | House | Amended |
| • April 25, 2001 | House | Read second time |
| • April 26, 2001 | House | Read third time and sent to Senate |
| | Senate | Introduced and read first time |
| | Senate | Referred to Committee on Finance |
| • 02/05/02 | Senate | Committee report: Favorable with amendment |
| • 02/12/02 | Senate | Amended |
| • 02/14/02 | Senate | Read second time |
| • 02/14/02 | Senate | Ordered to third reading with notice of amendments |
| • 02/26/02 | Senate | Amended |
| • 03/07/02 | Senate | Read third time and returned to House with amendments |
| • 03/19/02 | House | Senate amendment amended |
| • 03/19/02 | House | Returned to Senate with amendments |
| • 03/20/02 | Senate | Non-concurrence in House amendment |
| • 03/21/02 | House | House insists upon amendment and conference committee appointed Reps. Campsen, Jennings and Vaughn |
| • 03/27/02 | Senate | Conference committee appointed Sens. O'Dell, Courson, Alexander |
| • 04/17/02 | House | Conference report received and adopted |
| • 04/17/02 | Senate | Conference report received and adopted |

• 04/17/02	Senate	Ordered enrolled for ratification
• 04/24/02		Scrivener's error corrected
• 04/25/02		Ratified R 270
• 05/01/02		Signed By Governor
• 05/14/02		Act No. 229
• 06/27/02		Effective date -- See Act
• 06/27/02		Copies available

BILLS INTRODUCED IN 2001-2002

Building Energy Codes

House Bill 3610, Similar to Senate 382, 383

Introduced by Representative Robinson

Senate Bill 382 Introduced by Reese

Senate Bill 383 Introduced by J.V. Smith, Leatherman, Giese, Martin, Richardson, Alexander, McGill, Peeler and Ryberg

A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE EFFECTIVE DATE IS JULY 1, 2003, FOR AMENDMENTS ADOPTED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL ON MAY 24, 2000, TO THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, RESIDENTIAL, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, FUEL GAS, AND FIRE CODES AND THE AMENDMENTS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 26, 2001, PERTAINING TO THE INTERNATIONAL AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODES.

The SC Building Codes Council voted several years ago to implement this building code on July 1, 2001. Delaying adoption of the International Energy Code would cause adverse effects for the effort to make South Carolina more energy efficient. A possible reason for the delay would be the fear that the new code would mean higher construction costs. Local jurisdictions would improve the economic situation of their residents by allowing them to keep more money for themselves rather than having to spend it on utility bills.

• February 21, 2001	House	Introduced and read first time
	House	Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry
• February 27, 2001	Senate	Introduced & read first time
• February 27, 2001	Senate	Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce, and Industry

Senate Bill 47

Introduced by Senators Martin, Giese, Reese, Rankin, Leventis, Branton and Alexander

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 1-1-130 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY STATE AGENCY OR POLITICAL SUBDIVISION OF THE STATE REQUIRED BY LAW TO ENFORCE NATIONALLY RECOGNIZED BUILDING CODES SHALL DETERMINE THE EDITION OF THE CODE TO ENFORCE AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS.

In July of 2001 South Carolina is supposed to adopt the current edition of the International Building Code, including the International Energy Conservation Code. If passed, SB 47 would allow jurisdictions to delay adoption of the IECC or either choose to adopt a later version, an action that would hinder the advancement of energy efficient building technologies.

- January 10, 2001 Senate Introduced and read first time
- January 10, 2001 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Senate Bill 464

Introduced by Senator Hayes

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING ARTICLE 5 TO CHAPTER 23, TITLE 59 SO AS TO FURTHER PROVIDE FOR APPLICABLE STANDARDS, SPECIFICATIONS, AND CODES WHICH APPLY TO THE CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, OR RENOVATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY, AND TO REQUIRE THE CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, OR RENOVATION OF PUBLIC SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND PROPERTY TO BE INSPECTED BY THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION OR THE SUPERINTENDENT'S DESIGNEE BEFORE OCCUPANCY; AND TO REPEAL ARTICLE 1, CHAPTER 23, TITLE 59 OF THE 1976 CODE RELATING TO SCHOOL BUILDING CODES AND INSPECTIONS.

This bill provides the State Superintendent of Education more flexibility in the plan review and inspections of School Buildings. It will allow the State Superintendent of Education to involve local jurisdictions, their professionally trained and licensed inspectors, to serve as the designee of the State Superintendent to inspect the construction, improvement, or renovation of school buildings and property before occupancy.

- 03/15/01 Senate Introduced and read first time
- 03/15/01 Senate Referred to Committee on Education
- 05/03/01 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment
- 05/08/01 Senate Amended
- 05/08/01 Senate Read second time
- 05/09/01 Senate Read third time and sent to House
- 05/10/01 House Introduced and read first time
- 05/10/01 House Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works
- 05/21/02 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment
- 05/23/02 House Requests for debate-Rep(s). Loftis, Tripp, Davenport, Kelley, J. Brown, Perry, Kennedy, Townsend, Allison, Bales, Walker and Stille
- 06/05/02 House Amended
- 06/05/02 House Read second time
- 06/05/02 House Roll call Yeas-96 Nays-0
- 06/06/02 House Read third time and returned to Senate with amendments

House Bill 3785

Introduced by Robinson, Allison and Townsend

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 59-23-325 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT ANY WRITTEN DOCUMENT OF THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION OR THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION PROVIDING GUIDELINES, STANDARDS, CODES, OR SPECIFICATIONS FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL FACILITY PLANNING, CONSTRUCTION, IMPROVEMENT, OR RENOVATION WHICH SCHOOL DISTRICTS ARE REQUIRED TO FOLLOW MUST BE PROMULGATED AS A REGULATION AND REVIEWED UNDER THE ADMINISTRATIVE PROCEDURES ACT.

This bill would allow the Building Codes and Standards used by the State Department of Education to be updated by being published in the State Register as opposed to going through the Legislative process. It speeds up the process for Codes improvement and implementation.

- 03/22/01 House Introduced and read first time
- 03/22/01 House Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works

House Bill 3840

Introduced by Edge

A BILL TO AMEND TITLE 1, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING CHAPTER 34, SO AS TO REQUIRE ALL STATE AGENCIES CHARGED WITH ENFORCING NATIONAL BUILDING CODES TO ADOPT THE LATEST EDITION OF THE CODE AND TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS; TO ESTABLISH PROCEDURES FOR THE ADOPTION OF THESE CODES, INCLUDING NOTICE IN THE STATE REGISTER AND THE OPPORTUNITY FOR PUBLIC COMMENT; AND TO REQUIRE PROPOSED CODES RECEIVING NEGATIVE COMMENTS OR SUBJECT TO PROPOSED AGENCY AMENDMENTS TO BE PROMULGATED AS REGULATIONS.

General perception is that the state of South Carolina has Statewide Building Codes, including Statewide Implementation, Statewide Inspections, and Statewide Compliance Enforcement. That is true, with certain allowed variations, in all jurisdictions except State Agencies, who are each allowed to implement and update their own Codes under different criteria and conditions than those of other jurisdictions. This bill addresses that issue in a manner which places State Agencies under the same criteria and conditions as all other jurisdictions within the State.

- 03/29/01 House Introduced and read first time
- 03/29/01 House Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry
- 02/06/02 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment Labor, Commerce and Industry
- 02/12/02 House Debate adjourned until Wednesday, February 13, 2002
- 02/13/02 House Amended
- 02/13/02 House Read second time
- 02/14/02 House Read third time and sent to Senate
- 02/19/02 Senate Introduced and read first time
- 02/19/02 Senate Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and

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| • 05/14/02 | Senate | Committee report: Favorable with amendment Labor, Commerce and Industry |
| • 05/15/02 | Senate | Amended |
| • 05/15/02 | Senate | Read second time |
| • 05/15/02 | Senate | Ordered to third reading with notice of amendments |

House Bill 3972

Introduced by Thompson

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 59-23-40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT SCHOOL BUILDINGS CONFORM TO BUILDING CODES AND THAT THE STATE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION APPROVE SCHOOL BUILDING PLANS, SO AS TO DELETE THIS AUTHORITY OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION AND PROVIDE THAT THE AUTHORITY TO DESIGN AND CONSTRUCT SCHOOL BUILDINGS SHALL REST SOLELY WITH THE APPROPRIATE SCHOOL BOARD OF TRUSTEES; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 59-23-190 RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT THAT THE SUPERINTENDENT OF EDUCATION INSPECT AND CERTIFY ALL SCHOOL BUILDINGS.

This bill would shift the responsibility for oversight of design and construction of School Buildings from the State Department of Education to each Local School Board. Additionally, said bill would repeal the legal requirement that the State Department of Education inspect and certify all school buildings.

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| • 04/19/01 | House | Introduced and read first time |
| • 04/19/01 | House | Referred to Committee on Education and Public Works |

House Bill 4201

Introduced by Davenport

A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE THAT THE EFFECTIVE DATE IS JULY 1, 2002, FOR AMENDMENTS ADOPTED BY THE SOUTH CAROLINA BUILDING CODES COUNCIL ON MAY 24, 2000, TO THE INTERNATIONAL BUILDING, RESIDENTIAL, PLUMBING, MECHANICAL, FUEL GAS, AND FIRE CODES AND THE AMENDMENTS ADOPTED BY THE COUNCIL ON JANUARY 26, 2001, PERTAINING TO THE INTERNATIONAL AND RESIDENTIAL BUILDING CODES.

This bill would remove delays for implementation of the International Codes noted, and require them all to be implemented, with Amendments, no later than July 1, 2002.

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| • 05/29/01 | House | Introduced and read first time |
| • 05/29/01 | House | Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry |

LAND USE PLANNING, ZONING

Senate Bill 54

Introduced by Senators Elliott, Ford and Branton

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 4-27-20, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE DIVISION OF A COUNTY INTO DISTRICTS FOR ZONING PURPOSES, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT EACH COUNTY GOVERNING BODY MUST ADOPT A ZONING PLAN THAT REGULATES THE LOCATION OF ANY PUBLIC OR PRIVATE FACILITY THAT IS LICENSED AND REGULATED BY THE STATE AND THE PLAN MUST INCLUDE GUIDELINES FOR DETERMINING THE APPROPRIATENESS OF LOCATING SUCH FACILITIES IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS.

The State Energy Office supports land use planning as a means to control energy consumption, reducing the amount of energy needed to travel and to use buildings. Using zoning principles that reduce energy use can be a benefit to the state. By requiring that consideration be given to the locations of regulated facilities, local jurisdictions can enhance their planning tools and possibly incorporate energy efficient guidelines into the land use ordinances. Statewide regulations like this one give more teeth to the Comprehensive Planning Act.

- January 10, 2001 Senate Introduced and read first time
 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary

House Bill 3593

Introduced by Representatives Rodgers, J. Hines, Askins, Bowers, Davenport, Gilham, Hosey, Littlejohn, Martin, Moody-Lawrence, Rivers and Stuart

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 6-29-510, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE REQUIREMENT OF DEVELOPING AND MANAGING OF THE PLANNING PROCESS BY THE LOCAL PLANNING COMMISSION, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE PLANNING PROCESS INCLUDE A LONG RANGE FINANCIAL PLAN AND SPECIFY WHAT THE PLAN MUST INCLUDE.

The 1994 Comprehensive Planning Enabling Act designated several sections that must be included in a comprehensive plan. It also mandated that any jurisdiction that intends to pass zoning ordinances has to develop a Comprehensive Plan. While the intent of the law seems beneficial, the process of doing a Comprehensive Plan already entails financial planning for development of the components.

- February 15, 2001 House Introduced and read first time
 House Referred to Committee on Ways and Means

SUSTAINABILITY

House Bill 3147

Introduced by Representatives Meacham-Richardson, Davenport and Vaughn

A BILL TO AMEND CHAPTER 23, TITLE 59, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO SCHOOL BUILDINGS AND OTHER PROPERTY, BY ADDING ARTICLE 5, RELATING TO TOXIC MATERIALS AND INDOOR AIR QUALITY IN SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SCHOOLS, SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL, WORKING TOGETHER, SHALL CREATE AND MAINTAIN A SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH WEBSITE, DEVELOP A SCHOOL ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH POLICY AND MANAGEMENT PLAN, AND AWARD ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH CERTIFICATES TO QUALIFIED SCHOOL DISTRICTS; PROVIDE THAT NOTHING IN THIS ARTICLE PROHIBITS THE USE BY SCHOOLS OF ANY MATERIALS, PROCESSES, OR PRODUCTS, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION AND THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL SHALL SEEK FEDERAL AND OTHER FUNDS AVAILABLE TO HELP IMPLEMENT THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ARTICLE.

Sustainable practices mean giving consideration to using resources efficiently, minimizing toxic materials and processes, restoring and enhancing natural systems, ensuring economic vitality, and building quality communities. The Public School Environmental Health Bill would encourage implementation of these principles in the public school facilities in South Carolina, resulting in healthier environments for students and teachers.

- December 20, 2000 House Prefiled
Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public
and Municipal Affairs
- January 9, 2001 House Introduced and read first time
House Referred to Committee on Medical, Military, Public
and Municipal Affairs

Senate Bill 827

Introduced by Thomas and Elliott

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 12-37-225 SO AS TO ALLOW FOR ACTIVE SOLAR HEATING AND COOLING SYSTEMS TO BE ASSESSED AT NOT MORE THAN THE VALUE OF A CONVENTIONAL SYSTEM FOR THE PURPOSES OF PROPERTY TAXATION.

This bill would enhance the increased implementation of sustainable energy resources. Presently, those systems cost more to implement, but this bill would limit the assessment of such systems for property tax purposes, to no more than the cost of a conventional system.

- 12/19/01 Senate Pre-filed
- 12/19/01 Senate Referred to Committee on Finance
- 01/08/02 Senate Introduced and read first time
- 01/08/02 Senate Referred to Committee on Finance

EMERGENCY PLANNING

House Bill 3425

Introduced by Representatives Knotts, Rhoad, Whatley and J. Young

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 44-56-202 SO AS TO AUTHORIZE THE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL TO IMPLEMENT AND ENFORCE THE FEDERAL EMERGENCY PLANNING AND COMMUNITY RIGHT TO KNOW ACT OF 1986, TO ADOPT THIS FEDERAL LAW AS THE LAW OF THIS STATE, AND TO PROVIDE FOR AN EXCEPTION.

Energy is a critical component of emergency planning and the Energy Office has been involved with the emergency coordination activities for many years.

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| • February 1, 2001 | House | Introduced and read first time |
| | House | Referred to Committee on Judiciary |
| • February 28, 2001 | House | Committee report: Favorable with amendment |
| | | Judiciary |
| • March 6, 2001 | House | Amended |
| | House | Read second time |
| • March 7, 2001 | House | Read third time and sent to Senate |
| | Senate | Introduced and read first time |
| | Senate | Referred to Committee on Medical Affairs |

UTILITIES, POWER GENERATION, TRANSMISSION, OR DISTRIBUTION

House Bill 3220

Introduced by Representative Quinn

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-36-120, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO WHOLESALE SALES, SO AS TO DEFINE SALES OF ELECTRICITY, MACHINERY, AND CHEMICALS TO STATE OR LOCAL POLITICAL SUBDIVISIONS FOR THE PRODUCTION OF DRINKING WATER AND FOR THE TREATMENT OF MUNICIPAL WASTE CONTAINING THIRTY-FIVE PERCENT OR MORE INDUSTRIAL OR MANUFACTURING WASTE AS WHOLESALE SALES.

The primary concern about this bill from the perspective of the Energy Office is that wholesale rates are lower than other rates, lowering the cost of using the electricity. Lower costs usually contribute to greater use.

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| • January 10, 2001 | House | Introduced and read first time |
| | House | Referred to Committee on Ways and Means |

Senate Bill 280

Introduced by Senators Wilson, Ryberg, Gregory and Giese

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 58-5-30, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE EXEMPTION OF MUNICIPAL UTILITIES FROM REGULATION BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION, SO AS TO LIMIT THE EXEMPTION TO A PUBLIC UTILITY'S OPERATIONS WITHIN THE MUNICIPALITY'S CORPORATE LIMITS; AND TO AMEND SECTION 58-27-1010, RELATING TO THE PROHIBITION ON REGULATION BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION OF CONTRACTS MADE BY A MUNICIPALITY, SO

AS TO LIMIT THE PROHIBITION TO CONTRACTS MADE BY A MUNICIPALITY WITH CUSTOMERS LOCATED WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE MUNICIPALITY.

Under current statute, municipal utilities are not regulated by the State Public Service Commission, as are investor-owned utilities like SCE&G, Duke, CP&L, and Lockhart Power Company. Enacting this bill into law would allow regulation of municipal utility operations that occur outside the municipalities corporate limits. Specifically the bill refers to contracts made with the customers of the municipality that are not within the incorporated boundaries, usually the physical boundaries, of the municipality. SB 280 would allow the PSC to regulate these contracts, meaning that rate changes would have to be approved by the PSC and possibly the jurisdiction's council as well.

- February 6, 2001 Senate Introduced and read first time
 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary
- May 23, 2001 Senate Committee report: Majority favorable with amend.,
 minority unfavorable Judiciary

House Bill 3562

Introduced by Representatives Knotts, Koon, Battle, Fleming, Frye, Keegan, Miller, Sharpe, Simrill, J.R. Smith and Whatley

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 5-31-1910, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE PROVISION OF WATER AND ELECTRIC SERVICES BEYOND CORPORATE LIMITS OF A MUNICIPALITY, SO AS TO PROHIBIT A MUNICIPALITY EXTENDING WATER OR ELECTRIC SERVICES TO NONRESIDENTS FROM REQUIRING ANNEXATION AS A CONDITION OF THE RECEIPT OF THE SERVICES.

HB 3562 could also fall under the Land Use Planning section, as it deals somewhat with sprawl. Extension of utility services and the resulting annexation encourages development in areas that might not be suitable for a variety of reasons.

- February 15, 2001 House Introduced and read first time
 House Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Senate Bill 543

Introduced by Senator Hayes

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-24-40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM DEED RECORDING FEES; AND SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM SALES TAX, SO AS TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS FROM SALES TAX AND DEED RECORDING FEES FOR SALES, EXCHANGES, AND TRANSFERS OF ELECTRIC GENERATION, TRANSMISSION, AND DISTRIBUTION FACILITIES.

If South Carolina had a deregulated utility market, this bill would encourage competition. Since the electric utility market is not deregulated, this bill would lower operating costs for utilities, meaning that the cost of electricity could decrease. Usually a decrease in power costs mean an increase in consumption because people can afford to use more. However, if SC were to deregulate in the future, this bill might alleviate stranded costs borne by utilities who have had to build facilities to meet demand.

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| April 4, 2001 | Senate | Introduced and read first time |
| | Senate | Referred to Committee on Finance |

Senate Bill 552, Similar to House Bill 3885

Introduced by Senator Hayes

House Bill 3885 introduced by Representatives Meacham-Richardson, Simrill, Kirsh and Vaughn

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 12-24-40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM DEED RECORDING FEES AND SECTION 12-36-2120, RELATING TO EXEMPTIONS FROM SALES TAX, SO AS TO PROVIDE EXEMPTIONS FROM SALES TAX AND DEED RECORDING FEES FOR SALES, EXCHANGES, AND TRANSFERS OF ELECTRIC TRANSMISSION FACILITIES; AND TO AMEND SECTION 12-6-3410, RELATING TO THE CORPORATE INCOME TAX CREDIT FOR CORPORATE HEADQUARTERS, SO AS TO ALLOW CERTAIN LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANIES TO BE TREATED AS CORPORATIONS FOR THIS PURPOSE.

Though this bill somewhat resembles SB 543, this bill adds a provision unrelated to energy.

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| April 5, 2001 | Senate | Introduced and read first time |
| | Senate | Referred to Committee on Finance |

Senate Bill 656

Introduced by O'Dell, Ford and McGill

A BILL TO AMEND SECTIONS 12-23-10 AND 12-23-20, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE IMPOSITION OF THE ELECTRIC POWER LICENSE TAX AND EXEMPTIONS FROM THIS TAX, SO AS TO EXTEND THE IMPOSITION OF THE TAX TO ELECTRIC POWER SOLD FOR RESALE AND SOLD TO ULTIMATE USERS RATHER THAN ELECTRIC POWER SOLD FOR RESALE OR TO THE ULTIMATE USER IN THIS STATE, AND TO DELETE THE EXEMPTION FROM THE TAX OF ELECTRIC POWER GENERATED IN PLANTS CONSTRUCTED AFTER MAY 1, 1951 AND EXPORTED TO ANOTHER STATE.

This bill would remove all tax exemptions on the sale of power, be it in state or out of state.

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| 05/01/01 | Senate | Introduced and read first time |
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Senate Bill 0854 Joint Resolution, Similar(S 0867, H 4433)

Introduced by Thomas and Verdin

A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE A MORATORIUM UNTIL JUNE 30, 2003, ON THE CERTIFICATION OF ANY MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY NOT CONSTRUCTED BY A UTILITY CURRENTLY SERVING RETAIL CUSTOMERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND THAT DOES NOT HAVE AT LEAST SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF ITS GENERATION CAPACITY UNDER A CONTRACT WITH A DURATION OF AT LEAST TEN YEARS WITH UTILITIES WHICH PROVIDE RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS IN SOUTH

CAROLINA, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO THE ABOVE MORATORIUM, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION SHALL CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE NEEDS FOR THE SITING AND CONSTRUCTION OF THESE MERCHANT PLANTS.

This bill requires the Public Service Commission to conduct a study on the siting and construction of merchant plants, and imposes a moratorium on certification of merchant plants that do not have at least 75% of their capacity already under contract with a duration of at least 10 years with South Carolina retail electric utilities. Said Moratorium would be in effect until June 20, 2003.

- 01/09/02 Senate Introduced and read first time
- 01/09/02 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Senate Bill 1217

Introduced by Mescher

A BILL TO REPEAL SECTIONS 58-37-30 AND 58-37-40, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO ANNUAL REPORTS REQUIRED OF DEMAND-SIDE ACTIVITIES OF CERTAIN GAS AND ELECTRIC UTILITIES AND INTEGRATED RESOURCE PLANS WHICH MUST BE SUBMITTED BY CERTAIN ELECTRIC UTILITIES TO THE STATE ENERGY OFFICE.

Presently, annual reports dealing with the referenced “demand side activities of certain gas and electric utilities and integrated resource plans” must be submitted to the State Energy Office.” Said data is a critical base element for annual reports measuring, forecasting, and managing energy sources, availability, and consumption in South Carolina. This bill would eliminate the requirement for that base information to be annually reported.

- 04/16/02 Senate Introduced and read first time
- 04/16/02 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary

House Bill 4433 Joint Resolution, Similar(S 0854, S 0867)

Introduced by Cato, Klauber, Vaughn, Leach, Snow, Taylor, Harvin, Barrett, Law and Tripp

A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE A MORATORIUM UNTIL JUNE 30, 2003, ON THE CERTIFICATION OF ANY MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY NOT CONSTRUCTED BY A UTILITY CURRENTLY SERVING RETAIL CUSTOMERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND THAT DOES NOT HAVE AT LEAST SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF ITS GENERATION CAPACITY UNDER A CONTRACT WITH A DURATION OF AT LEAST TEN YEARS WITH UTILITIES WHICH PROVIDE RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO THE ABOVE MORATORIUM, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION SHALL CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE NEEDS FOR THE SITING AND CONSTRUCTION OF THESE MERCHANT PLANTS.

Same as Senate bill 854. This bill requires the Public Service Commission to conduct a study on the siting and construction of merchant plants, and imposes a moratorium on certification of merchant plants that do not have at least 75% of their capacity already

under contract with a duration of at least 10 years with South Carolina retail electric utilities. Said Moratorium would be in effect until June 20, 2003.

- 12/19/01 House Pre-filed
- 12/19/01 House Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry
- 01/08/02 House Introduced and read first time
- 01/08/02 House Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry
- 01/16/02 House Member(s) request name added as sponsor: Tripp
- 01/16/02 House Member(s) request name removed as sponsor: Meacham-Richardson

House Bill 4786

Introduced by Meacham-Richardson and Cato

A BILL TO AMEND THE CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, BY ADDING SECTION 58-33-115 SO AS TO PROVIDE THAT NO PERSON SHALL GIVE, SELL, LEASE, ASSIGN, TRANSFER, MORTGAGE, PLEDGE, HYPOTHECATE, OR OTHERWISE DISPOSE OF A CERTIFICATE OF ENVIRONMENTAL COMPATIBILITY AND PUBLIC CONVENIENCE AND NECESSITY OR RIGHTS UNDER THE CERTIFICATE ISSUED BY THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION WITH RESPECT TO THE OPERATION OF A MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY KNOWN AS A "MERCHANT PLANT".

This bill requires anyone wanting to transfer a South Carolina Public Service Commission Merchant Plant Certificate to go through the same hearing process as required for a new certificate. The bill also defines "Merchant Plant."

- 02/21/02 House Introduced and read first time
- 02/21/02 House Referred to Committee on Labor, Commerce and Industry
- 04/03/02 House Committee report: Favorable with amendment Labor, Commerce and Industry
- 04/04/02 House Amended
- 04/04/02 House Read second time
- 04/04/02 House Unanimous consent for third reading on next legislative day
- 04/05/02 House Read third time and sent to Senate
- 04/09/02 Senate Introduced and read first time
- 04/09/02 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary
- 05/01/02 Senate Committee report: Favorable with amendment Judiciary
- 05/29/02 Senate Recommitted to Committee on Judiciary

RESOLUTIONS

Senate Bill 216

Introduced by Senators Martin, Alexander, Anderson, Bauer, Branton, Courson, Drummond, Elliott, Fair, Ford, Giese, Glover, Gregory, Grooms, Hawkins, Hayes, Holland, Hutto, Jackson, Land, Leatherman, Leventis, Matthews, McConnell, McGill, Mescher, Moore, O'Dell, Passailaigue, Patterson, Peeler, Pinckney, Rankin, Ravenel, Reese, Richardson, Ritchie, Ryberg, Saleeby, Setzler, Short, J.V. Smith, Thomas, Verdin, Waldrep and Wilson

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO EXPRESS THE PROFOUND CONCERN OF THE MEMBERS OF THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF SOUTH CAROLINA REGARDING THE UNPRECEDENTED INCREASES IN THE PRICE OF NATURAL GAS AND THE RESULTING IMPACT ON OUR STATE'S FAMILIES AND BUSINESSES AND URGE THE CONGRESS AND PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES TO TAKE APPROPRIATE ACTION TO ENACT AN ENERGY POLICY THAT WILL ENSURE AN ADEQUATE, REASONABLY PRICED SUPPLY OF NATURAL GAS FOR CONSUMERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND THROUGHOUT THE UNITED STATES.

The General Assembly describes its concerned position regarding the increase in natural gas prices and encourages the "Congress and President of the United States to take appropriate action to enact an energy policy that will ensure an adequate, reasonably priced supply of natural gas for consumers in South Carolina and throughout the United States." The U.S. has never had a formal energy policy and the recent presidential election campaign brought that point to the public eye.

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| • January 24, 2001 | Senate | Introduced, adopted, sent to House |
| • January 30, 2001 | House | Introduced; |
| • January 30, 2001 | House | Referred to Committee on Invitations and Memorial Resolutions. |

House *3780 Concurrent Resolution,

By Cobb-Hunter, Barrett, Stuart, J.H. Neal, Mack, Townsend, Harvin and Law

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE SONNY DUBOSE OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA ENERGY OFFICE FOR HIS TIRELESS COMMITMENT TO PROJECTS WHICH WILL PROVIDE SIGNIFICANT ENVIRONMENTAL AND ECONOMIC BENEFIT FOR OUR STATE AND TO COMMEND HIM, IN PARTICULAR, FOR HIS EFFORTS WHICH HAVE CULMINATED IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND ITS ENERGY OFFICE BEING NAMED "STATE ALLY OF THE YEAR" BY THE LANDFILL METHANE OUTREACH PROGRAM OF THE UNITED STATES ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AGENCY.

This Concurrent Resolution expressed recognition and gratitude for the efforts to convert Landfill Gas to Energy by South Carolina Energy Office Member, Sonny DuBose. Those efforts, as noted, resulted in the South Carolina Energy Office being named "State Ally of the Year" by the Landfill Methane Outreach Program of the United States Environmental protection Agency, and the story was featured in the February 2001 issue of the International Publication, WASTE AGE.

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| • 03/22/01 | House | Introduced, adopted, sent to Senate |
| • 03/22/01 | Senate | Introduced, adopted, returned with concurrence |

House *4051 Concurrent Resolution,
By Sharpe, Rhoad, McLeod, Koon, Bales, Battle, Frye, Gourdine, Riser, Snow, Townsend and Webb

A CONCURRENT RESOLUTION TO RECOGNIZE AND COMMEND THE FOREST PRODUCTS INDUSTRY IN SOUTH CAROLINA FOR ITS COMMITMENT TO RESPONSIBLE USE OF NATURAL RESOURCES AND FOR THE CREATION AND IMPLEMENTATION OF THE SUSTAINABLE FORESTRY INITIATIVE AS A MEANS TO THE RESPONSIBLE USE OF THE NATURAL RESOURCES OF THIS STATE.

This Concurrent Resolution recognized and expressed appreciation to the Forest Products Industry in South Carolina for their responsible, practical action program implementing the sustainable forestry initiative. Such program will enhance the environment, energy efficiency, and public safety. As noted, such action is a means “To the responsible use of the Natural Resources of this State.”

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| • 05/01/01 | House | Introduced, adopted, sent to Senate |
| • 05/02/01 | Senate | Introduced |
| • 05/02/01 | Senate | Referred to Committee on Fish, Game and Forestry |
| • 06/04/01 | Senate | Polled out of committee Fish, Game and Forestry |
| • 06/04/01 | Senate | Committee report: Favorable Fish, Game and Forestry |
| • 06/06/02 | Senate | Adopted, returned to House with concurrence |

Other

Senate Bill 0867 Joint Resolution, Similar(S 0854, H 4433)

Introduced by Verdin, Grooms and Fair

A JOINT RESOLUTION TO PROVIDE A MORATORIUM UNTIL JUNE 30, 2003, ON THE CERTIFICATION OF ANY MAJOR UTILITY FACILITY NOT CONSTRUCTED BY A UTILITY CURRENTLY SERVING RETAIL CUSTOMERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA AND THAT DOES NOT HAVE AT LEAST SEVENTY-FIVE PERCENT OF ITS GENERATION CAPACITY UNDER A CONTRACT WITH A DURATION OF AT LEAST TEN YEARS WITH UTILITIES WHICH PROVIDE RETAIL ELECTRIC SERVICE TO CUSTOMERS IN SOUTH CAROLINA, TO PROVIDE EXCEPTIONS TO THE ABOVE MORATORIUM, AND TO PROVIDE THAT THE PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION SHALL CONDUCT A STUDY OF THE NEEDS FOR SITTING AND CONSTRUCTION OF THESE MERCHANT PLANTS.

Moratorium bill similar to Senate bill 854 and House bill 4433. This bill requires the Public Service Commission to conduct a study on the siting and construction of merchant plants, and imposes a moratorium on certification of merchant plants that do not have at least 75% of their capacity already under contract with a duration of at least 10 years with South Carolina retail electric utilities. Said Moratorium would be in effect until June 20, 2003.

- 01/15/02 Senate Introduced and read first time
- 01/15/02 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Senate Bill 0931

Introduced by Reese

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 48-52-410, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE ENERGY OFFICE, SO AS TO REMOVE IT FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD AND RELOCATE IT WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT; TO AMEND SECTION 48-52-440, RELATING TO THE ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE COORDINATING COUNCIL FOR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AS APPOINTING AUTHORITY; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 48-52-460 RELATING TO THE EFFECT OF GOVERNMENT RESTRUCTURING ON PLACEMENT OF THE STATE ENERGY OFFICE.

This bill would remove the State Energy Office from the authority and administration of the State Budget and Control Board, and place it within the Administration of the Coordinating Council for Economic Development. It would also remove appointment authority for the State Energy Advisory Council from the Governor's Office, and designate the Coordinating Council for Economic Development as the appointing authority.

- 01/24/02 Senate Introduced and read first time
- 01/24/02 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Senate Bill 1000

Introduced by Reese

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 48-52-410, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF THE STATE ENERGY OFFICE, SO AS TO REMOVE IT FROM THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE STATE BUDGET AND CONTROL BOARD AND RELOCATE IT WITHIN THE ADMINISTRATION OF THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION; TO AMEND SECTION 48-52-440, RELATING TO THE ENERGY ADVISORY COMMITTEE, SO AS TO DESIGNATE THE SOUTH CAROLINA PUBLIC SERVICE COMMISSION AS APPOINTING AUTHORITY; AND TO REPEAL SECTION 48-52-460 RELATING TO THE EFFECT OF GOVERNMENT RESTRUCTURING ON PLACEMENT OF THE STATE ENERGY OFFICE.

Similar to Senate Bill 0931 in relocating the South Carolina Energy Office. This bill would relocate that office from under the State Budget and Control Board to the Authority of the South Carolina Public Service Commission. Also under this bill, the authority to appoint SC Energy Advisory Committee Members would be removed from the Governor's office and placed with the South Carolina Public Service Commission.

- 02/12/02 Senate Introduced and read first time
- 02/12/02 Senate Referred to Committee on Judiciary

Senate Bill 1068

Introduced by Reese

A BILL TO AMEND SECTION 48-52-650, AS AMENDED, CODE OF LAWS OF SOUTH CAROLINA, 1976, RELATING TO THE REVOLVING LOAN FUND ESTABLISHED BY THE STATE ENERGY OFFICE, SO AS TO REQUIRE THE OFFICE TO BETTER PUBLICIZE THE FUND BY ADVERTISING IT ON THE INTERNET WITH OTHER INFORMATION TO HELP INDIVIDUALS AND BUSINESSES TAKE ADVANTAGE OF THE FUND.

Said bill seeks to legally require the State Energy office to better publicize and promote its Revolving Loan Fund to private sector individuals and companies for energy efficiency.

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| • 02/28/02 | Senate | Introduced and read first time |
| • 02/28/02 | Senate | Referred to Committee on Agriculture and Natural Resources |